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This plat of the town of Madisonville was this date produced to me in my office by William G. Wiggington, Pres. of the Board of Trustees of said town and at his request admitted to record. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand this day 7th. day of June, 1828.

Sam Woodson, Clk. Hopkins County Court. (Taken from County Ct. Clks. Office Record Book-3.

There is quite a bit of folklore in Hopkins Co. When I find time I will sit down and write an article for you. At the present I will only tell you a few things that come into my mind.

7x5 ✓ There is a hilly section in the northern part of Hopkins Co. between Manitou and Hanson settled by some people from N.C., this section is known as "Shakerag". The hills of this part of the county is only good for blackberries and orchards and quite a time back when there was not a farm bell in this section, the wives of the settlers would go to the door and stand upon a stump and shake a rag until the men halloed they had noticed her and this was, and still is the custom of the district. Hence the name "Shakerag". Some of our most prominent men have been from this section. The present County Attorney, John T. Gooch, is a product of Shakerag.

Two Sisk families came to this county as settlers. One family was from Va., the other from N.C. and their progeny are at present scattered over the county. Most of them are still in what is known as Sisk neighborhood. The N.C. branch came over or through the old Buffalo Trail and pulled their goods by a bull calf.

7x5 ✓ Ashbyburg is the first settlement in the N.E. part of the county. The Ashby's N.C. stock settlee this. Hopkins Co. in its different sections are made up of different kinds of people, their modes and manner of living entirely different from other sections. At the present these different

manners of living is still very pronounced. In the S. Western part of the county between Dawson Springs and Madisonville, is a place called "Pea Ridge", also a subdivision called Humdirgen, part of which is in Christian Co. The people of Pea Ridge and Humdirgen are of a peculiar disposition, and a very clannish lot. Between Charleston is a bend in Tradewater River called Castlebery Bend and that part is composed of the people by Purdy's and Howerton's, a peculiar people. Very eccentric. I remember "Old Coon Howerton" boasted at 75 years old that no man had ever put his knucks to the ground. His frame was massive and rugged. He meant that in a "Log rolling contest" that no one had ever been able to mek him drop his cant-hook.

Until the St. Bernard Coal Co. openee up mines in this county in 1870 the county was pure Anglo Saxon strain, but the cola companies imported foreign laborers to work in the mines, hence the mixture of strains. These people never thought of calling a potato anything but "tater", -onions were "ennins", baccy for tobacco, etc. In the Humdirgen district these idioms are still used to a great extent.

X The most notorious man I remember was Billy Buckles Nesbitt. He was a very corpulent gentleman, and always had a negro boy with him on every occasion. This boys name was Corrie. Mr. Nesbitt was a livery stable proprietor and handled all manner of live stock. In those days before the fence and stock law was in effect, hogs and other animals were allowed to pasture on the commons. The new railway company had quite a lot of trouble paying damages to stock owners. When a hog happened to be killed, Mr. Nesbitt would say, "Corrie, go see if that is my hog." Unually it was. His stock mark was the ears of his hogs cut off even with the head. The supposition was that Corrie would investigate and if it was not Billy's hog, why soon the ears were cut off and naturally it was supposed to be

*personal
nickname*

his hog. During the Civil War Mr. Nesbitt arranges for substitutes to take a soldiers place when he was unable to shoulder arms. Of course Billy collected a fee for this. I have no idea what his real name was, but during the War he had a mania for collecting buckles from the wounded and dead, belt buckles, suspender buckles, until he had quite a collection. Hence the name, Bill Buckles Nesbett. (Mr. Tom Finley, Attorney, Madisonville.)

Mr Nesbett at one time owned a large red sow named Sandy. This sow was really a nuisance. No fence or stable was strong enough to keep her in. When a farmer brought a load of corn to town, Sandy would be the first to the wagon and if the team was left standing, Sandy would in some manner get the gate end open and eat to her hearts content. Gardens, flowers & lawns were all one to Old Sandy. One night a crowd of half drunk boys decided to play a jole on Mr. Nesbett, & also get rid of Sandy. They hung Old Sandy In Mr. Nesbett's yard and arranged an ear of corn so that it would be just within the reach of Sandy's nose, and left the following notice on Old Sandy's Back. "Poor Old Sandy is dead and gone,
She will eat no more of Will Earl's corn,
Emmett pulled the rope that turned Old Sandy
into soap,
Wattle Rash' tolled the bell that sent Old
Sandy into _____"

This joke was carried so far that when Barnum Circus came to town, one of the clowns arranged a barrel to stand on and in gestures killed the hog and recited the above. The crowd was so incensed they chased the clown off the barrel and would not let him in the ring at the last performance of the circus. (Ed Rash, age 45, Madisonville.)

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HIGHLAND LICK - "Highland Lick an important Indian salt lick on the
western 'Shawneetown Trail in what is now northwestern Hopkins County."

Dawson Springs; in ~~Jessamine~~ ^{Hopkins} County, received its name from Whiteford Wright Dawson, who came from Princeton, Ky., about 1870 and established one of his many saw-mills at that place.

~~345~~ According to an old resident of Dawson Springs, Outwood received its name from the wooded area's being a short distance out, from Dawson Springs.

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(C. H. P. Co.)
Dawson Springs must have received its name from the family of that
name. In 1870 Whitfield Dawson moved from Princeton, in Caldwell County,
to Dawson Springs where his son William Dimmit Dawson was born in 1873.
John W. Dawson of Irish decent came from Virginia and settled near Princeton,
Ky. , at an early date. He was the father of Whitfield Dawson and Grand-
father of William Dimmit Dawson.

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or
Whitfield
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Dawson Springs, - widely known as a summer resort. Its mineral waters are shipped throughout the United States. United States Veterans' Hospital No. 79 is also located here. The reservation upon which the hospital is located contains six thousand acres and was donated to the Government by citizens of the community. The number of buildings on the hospital area comprise about fifty (U.S. 41).

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page 45 - ~~160 words (on all)~~ ✓

✓ Belleville (1818-1827) (P+9) ✓

HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. POST OFFICES

- ✓ 1. HOPKINS C.H. (OR MADISONVILLE)- 10/1/1809, Joshua Barnes;
10/1/1812, Thomas Cardwell.... (by 6/18/1813 when Baxter
D. Townes became 3rd postmaster, the office was called
Madisonville).... 5/31/1832, John B. Frost....
- ✓ 2. McGAREY'S-
12/5/1828, Taliaferro McGarey; 2/20/1833, Thomas Almon;
6/23/1837, Hugh Kirkwood.... 1/7/1840, George Finley; Disc.
11/26/1844; Re-est. as McGary's (check location) 4/17/1848,
Robert H. Davis; Disc. 4/9/1850;
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- ✓ 3. McNARY'S- 2/27/1827, Hugh W. McNary; (in Muhlenberg Co.);
name changed to Ellwood, 4/9/1850, Hugh W. McNary; Disc.
6/19/1865; Re-est. in Hopkins Co. 1/26/1866, George
Needham; Disc. 4/30/1875;
- ✓ 4. KINGSTON- 10/2/1830, Meredith Myers
1/28/1832, Cyrus A. Miller; 3/14/1833, Brison
Pursley; Disc. 6/22/1835;
- ✓ 5. CARLOW- Est. 1828 (P+9)
5/23/1832, Caswell M. Armstrong; 5/27/1837, John Q.
Thompson; 1/23/1839, John L. Anderson; 5/30/1842, John
Watson; Disc. 1/20/1843; Re-est. 3/13/1844, Thomas C.
Buck; Disc. 1/4/1847; Re-est. 3/2/1848, Edwin Ruby; 5/9/
1849, Thomas J. Jackson;.... 11/21/1861, Peter Overly;
Disc. 1/2/1863;
- ✓ 6. CLARK'S- Est 1829 (P+9)
2/20/1833, David Clark, Jr.; Disc. 1/30/1844;
- ✓ 7. ELLA- 2/23/1835, John P. Townes (?); Disc. 10/14/1836;
- ✓ 8. NEBO- 11/18/1840, Alfred Townes; 10/6/185?, James P. Bone;
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- ✓ 9. HAZEL DALE- 5/28/1842, Samuel Roren (?); Disc. 9/19/1842;
- ✓ 10. BEECH GROVE- 5/26/1846, Samuel Mitchell; Disc. 12/21/1846;

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HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. POST OFFICES (2)

- ✓ 11. ASHBYSBURG- 2/14/1848, Robert S. Thompson; 4/20/1848, Stephen D. Ashby; 1/8/1852, Samuel W. Cox; (about this time the office was known as Ashbysburgh).... 12/22/1869, Isaac G. Gillmore; name changed to Ashbyburg, 5/27/1892, James F. Luck; 1/26/1905, Wm. B. Corum....
- Disc. 6-1-1869
- ✓ 12. CHALK LEVEL- 4/17/1848, Eli Browne; 11/11/1851, Robert H.C. Rhea.... 4/16/1862, John R. Jennings; Disc. 2/28/1863; Re-est. 7/8/1863, John R. Jennings; Disc. 10/17/1863; Re-est. 4/12/1864, Eli Brown (sic); 4/13/1866, Augustus Brooks; Disc. 11/1/1867;
- ✓ 13. DAY'S STORE- 1/18/1849, Joseph Day; Disc. 8/26/1857; Re-est. 4/14/1857, John W. Kingree; 12/12/1857, Nathaniel Nichols; Disc. 4/17/1860;
- ✓ 14. UNDERWOOD- 4/20/1850, Samuel Roren (sic); 6/21/1857, Edward H. Earle.... 4/9/1861, John M.C. Tharlan; Disc. 2/28/1863; Re-est. 9/20/1869, James M. Gilliland; 2/16/1875, John A. Ezell (or Ezell); 7/12/1877, John E. Day; Disc. 1/7/1878; Re-est. 2/23/1882, Thomas H. Almon; Disc. 4/28/1882 (~~xxx~~ papers to Nortonville);
- ✓ 15. HALL- 3/12/1852, Philip Prather; 7/22/1853, Rowland Gooch.... 11/8/1860, Thomas M. Jones; Disc. 7/31/1863;
- ✓ 16. LITTLE PRAIRIE- 8/13/1853, Reuben Medley; 3/26/1857, John E. Rice; Disc. 11/5/1861; Re-est. 7/1/1872, Wm. P. Roach; 8/31/1874, L.H. Johnson; name changed to White Plains, 10/16/1874, Louis H. Johnson; 10/3/1877, Benjamin F. Johnson....
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- ✓ 17. CHARLESTON- 10/5/1855, Joseph Wiatt (sic); 4/12/1864, Thomas L. Roberts; 4/16/1868, Malachi M. Lynch; Disc. 11/3/1868; Re-est. 2/21/1894, Ben L. Franklin; Disc. 6/30/1909 (mail to Dawson Springs);

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HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. POST OFFICES (3)

- ✓ 18. CLYDE- 2/12/1856, Wesley Skinner; 12/24/1857, Hiram H. Smith.... 4/9/1861, John H. Parker; Disc. 1/2/1863;
- ✓ 19. BURNETT- 3/9/1858, Francis M. Whitefield; 11/22/1859, Lewis W. Bailey; Disc. 1/24/1861; Re-est. 5/19/1878, Rufus O. Kirkwood; 2/6/1879, Wm. J. Bailey; Disc. 4/21/1880;
- ✓ 20. SAINT JOE- 12/21/1859, John K. Thomasson; Disc. 7/6/1860;
- ✓ 21. HANSON- 12/7/1869, Wm. A. Anderson; 5/27/1872, Wm. H. Weir....
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- ✓ 22. NORTONVILLE- 4/10/1871, Charles W. Mills; 12/15/1873, J.G. Manuel.... 6/26/1874, Charles W. Mills; Disc. 7/6/1876; Re-est. 2/26/1877, Thomas C. Taliaferro; 6/3/1886, John W. Pendley....
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- ✓ 23. EARLINGTON- 4/26/1871, Thomas J. McEwen; 7/24/1885, James B. Head.....
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HALL P 7 (18 x 2 - 627) A 80
- ✓ 24. MORTONS GAP- 11/3/1871, Henry H. Morton; 3/13/1872, Joseph P. Johnson....
- ✓ 25. BAKERSPORT- 12/26/1871, W.P. Roach; 10/11/1872, Robert W. Browning; name changed to McNary, 6/22/1874, Cuthbert E. Gordon; Disc. 11/14/1876; (re-est. in Muhl. Co.)....
- ✓ 26. DAWSON- 5/15/1872, B.N. Dawson; Disc. 4/30/1875; Re-est. 5/24/1875, Preston Fox; 4/24/1876, F.D. Lewis.... 10/14/1893, Wm. Lynch; name changed to Dawsonsprings, 3/30/1896, Wm. Lynch; 5/26/1897, Will P. Scott....name changed to Dawson Springs, effective 2/1/1925 with Chas. A. Niles who had been appointed postmaster 4/3/1924; 5/24/1928, Hugh B. Gross....
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HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. POST OFFICES (4)

- ✓ 27. HAMBY STATION- 7/19/1872, Golden W. Hamby; 10/28/1872, R.P. Drake; Disc. 7/10/1873; Re-est. as Hambys Station, 2/9/1885, Joseph R. Collins; Disc. 12/2/1885 (papers to Dawson); Re-est. 2/9/1886, James A. Kellar; 5/29/1888, Shep. T. Ashmore; name changed to Ilsley, 11/1/1890, Richard J. Salmon; 4/16/1891, John Harland;....

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- ✓ 28. WOODRUFF- 1/15/1873, Wm. H. Teague; 11/19/1873, Lawson R. Lane; name changed to St. Charles, 3/19/1874, John A.E. Ratliff; 8/3/1874, James R. Rash....

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- ✓ 29. BAKERSPORT- 10/19/1874, David C. Goad; 8/21/1876, John J. Lancaster; 3/11/1878, George G. Schaver; Disc. 9/9/1878; Re-est. 3/11/1892, Thomas Armstrong; 1/25/1897, Jonah Walker; 12/28/1897, Virginia B. Harris; Disc. 1/8/1898 (papers to McNary); Re-est. 10/18/1906, Lucian E. Littlepage; Disc. 11/17/1907, effective 12/15/1908;

- ✓ 30. DALTON- 4/29/1878, Frank H. Bell; 8/31/1893, Clement L. Sisk....

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- ✓ 31. SILENT RUN- 5/17/1878, Wm. H. Sisk; 8/10/1908, Anna Sisk.... 5/1/1911, Dora G. Kirkwood; Disc. 6/15/1915 (mail to Manitou);

- ✓ 32. STEUBEN LICK- 9/18/1878, John W. Oliver; Disc. 7/31/1879;

- ✓ 33. GAGE- 6/7/1880, James E. Caldwell; 7/10/1883, J.J. Lancaster; Disc. 9/4/1884 (papers to White Plains);

- ✓ 34. MANITOU- 11/7/1882, John T. Barnett; 4/30/1887, Lonnie McCrew....1/8/1901, Mark M. Veazey....

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HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. POST OFFICES (5)

- ✓ 35. ILSLEY- 2/18/1884, R.M. Salmon; Disc. 7/28/1884 (papers to St. Charles); Re-est. 12/31/1885, R.M. Salmon; Disc. 6/19/1886 (no papers sent);
- ✓ 36. CHELSEA, 4/13/1888, Millard F. Ashby; Disc. 8/7/1893 (papers to Hanson);
- ✓ 37. VEAZEY- 4/13/1888, Louis N. Veazey; 6/20/1892, James W. Jones; Disc. 1/15/1909;
- ✓ 38. BARNESLEY- 8/17/1888, Wm. Walton; 1/9/1894, Wm. D. Hill; 6/5/1925, acting, 9/21/1925, Alice Sadler; Disc. effective 8/15/1928 (mail to Madisonville);
- ✓ 39. HAMBYS STATION- 2/10/1891, James H. Kennedy; name changed to Hamby Station, 4/8/1892, Davis T. Cronor; 5/22/1893, Wm. A. Hamby.... 4/30/1913, Wm. A. Hamby; Disc. 7/15/1916 (mail to St. Charles);
- ✓ 40. RICHLAND- 10/12/1892, Thomas L. Jones; Disc. date not given; Re-est. 1/4/1894, Wm. B. Cox; 5/15/1900, Stephen J. Hobgood; 10/16/1907, Samuel H. Higdon; 1/9/1909, George H. Russell, declined; Disc. 5/15/1909 (mail to Madisonville);
- ✓ 41. OLNEY- 3/20/1896, Robert M. Winstead; 2/18/1899, John W. Mercer.... 10/13/1902, Pleasant E. Winstead.....
Disc. 1952
- ✓ 42. YARBRO- 3/30/1898, Houston D. Yarbrough; 12/7/1911, Everett L. Givens; 6/2/1914, Thomps B. Givens; Disc. 6/15/1915 (mail to Providence);
- ✓ 43. ANSONIA- 11/17/1898, Charles F. Shelton; 12/14/1900, James M. Eldridge; Disc. 8/17/1906, effective 9/15/1906 (mail to Madisonville);
- ✓ 44. GILLILAND- 6/15/1899, John R. Gilliland; Disc. 3/31/1900, effective 4/14/1900 (papers to St. Charles);

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HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. POST OFFICES (6)

- ✓ 45. ANTON- 3/5/1900, Minervia A. Davis (sic); Disc. 7/17/1906, effective 8/15/1906 (mail to Madisonville);
- ✓ 46. REALUS- 3/6/1901, Charles B. Moore; Disc. 8/31/1901, effective 9/14/1901 (papers to Ansonia);
- ✓ 47. VANDETTA- 9/5/1902, Robert L. Davis; 7/25/1904, Myrtle B. Witherspoon; Disc. 3/7/1905, effective 3/31/1905 (mail to Hanson);
- ✓ 48. TWEDDLEVILLE- 5/13/1903, Alford M. Stephens; name changed to Beard, 10/24/1910, Joseph H. Beard; Disc. 5/31/1911 (mail to Dalton);
- ✓ 49. CHESLEY- 10/24/1903, Alfred H. Jones; 3/11/1907, James M. Cook.... 5/14/1909, Wm. M. Furgerson (sic); Disc. 2/15/1910 (mail to Nortonville);
- ✓ 50. DANIEL BOONE- 12/8/1903, James D. Overall; 7/25/1904, Eddie B. Hamblett....

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- ✓ 51. CARBONDALE- 4/27/1904, John Palmer; Disc. 6/30/1909 (mail to Dawson);
- ✓ 52. KIRKWOOD SPRINGS- 2/17/1908, Robert M. Winstead; 1/15/1910, Wm. C. Winstead; 10/17/1910, James W. Lynn; 4/12/1911 James L. Kirkwood.....

Disc 1936

- ✓ 53. DEMPTEERTOWN (sic)- 11/12/1924, Clifford L. Edington; 10/12/1925, acting, 10/22/1925, James E. Jernigan; Disc. 3/9/1929, effective 3/15/1929 (mail to St. Charles);